

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 3671
John N. De La Vergne	)	
	)	Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 09/773,524	)	
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Filed: February 2, 2001	)	Date: February 18, 2008
	)	
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR	)	
UTILIZING THE FULL CAPACITY	)	
OF A PARTICULAR OF MINE	)	
HOIST FOR EXCAVATING DEEP	)	
SHAFTS	)	

Mail Stop **Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed form PTO/SB/08A.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(3) this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action.

Applicant believes that no fee is required. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees deemed necessary and to make any refunds to Deposit Account 50-1710.

## CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the below-listed information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed form PTO/SB/08A be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. Bauer', is written over a horizontal line.

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